

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 893

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate George Starr upon his induction into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is George Starr, who will be inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame on February 25, 2008, a most befitting recognition of his more than thirty years of outstanding service in the sports media field; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Director of Sports Information at Lee University, Mr. Starr has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure at Lee University, Mr. Starr served with acumen and alacrity for more than twenty years as sports editor, managing editor, and executive editor of the *Cleveland Daily Banner*; and

WHEREAS, he rendered sterling service as the Assistant Director and Director of the Cleveland City and Bradley County recreation departments and as a member of the Steve Sloan Award Committee, which selects the top student-athlete at Bradley Central each year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Starr has also lent his remarkable talents as the voice of the Lee Flames for twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, George Starr is a member of the Bradley County Sports Hall of Fame and the Lee University Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Starr has also received numerous other professional honors; it was while under his guidance that the *Cleveland Daily Banner* was voted Top Sports Section by the Tennessee Press Association in 1980; and

WHEREAS, he won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Excellence in Publications Award for 2006-2007 and placed first in many Media Guide competitions sponsored by the NAIA and the College Sports Information Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, George Starr is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Joyce, and their three sons, Bart Starr, Scott Hunter Starr, and Joe Willie Starr; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud George Starr for his dedication to the State of Tennessee, its citizens, and the sports media field; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, and colleagues of George Starr in congratulating him upon his induction into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame, even as we honor and commend Mr. Starr for his substantial legacy in the sports media field and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that he has shown the sports in our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.